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DCR Announces Upcoming Maintenance Work on Brackett Reservoir Dam in Framingham

Framingham – Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – Today, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced that the agency will temporarily lower water levels in two Framingham Reservoirs in order to replace an old underdrain in the dike located within the Brackett Reservoir Dam (Framingham Reservoir #2). The maintenance work at the reservoirs, which are not connected to a public water supply system, is set to begin in late January depending on weather conditions. Additionally, Pare Engineering designed the project for DCR and the construction contract was awarded to T Ford Company Inc. of Georgetown, MA after a competitive bid process.

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In order to complete the excavation work to replace the drain, the water levels in both Stearns Reservoir (Framingham Reservoir #1) and Brackett Reservoir will need to be lowered to minimize impacts during trench construction. Stearns Reservoir will be lowered three feet, while Brackett Reservoir will be lowered five feet from the dam spillway elevations. The lower water levels will likely remain through the drain construction period, which is expected to continue until mid to late April.

Most construction access to the project will be through Edgewater Drive in Framingham, with occasional construction access utilizing an existing DCR Right-of-Way along Winter Street. The entire construction project is expected to run from late January through the summer of 2017.

The Brackett Reservoir Dam was constructed in the late 1870's as part of the metropolitan Boston water supply system. Although Reservoirs #1 and #2 are no longer used for water supply, DCR maintains the dam infrastructure in order to protect downstream communities. Additionally, the dam maintenance work is not related to any Nyanza superfund related activities.

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